Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, below the title and above "Technical Field," please insert the following new paragraph:

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

1) One drop of a [[4]] <u>0.4</u> % oxybuprocaine hydrochloride ophthalmic solution (trade name: Benoxil solution 0.4%) was instilled into both eyes of each experimental animal to anesthetize it topically.